

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A stream of particles of a cleaning agent is ejected against an object to be cleaned so that the particles collide with a surface of the object. The cleaning agent includes a plurality of particulate bodies made of gelatin or animal glue, water contained in the particulate bodies to impart viscosity and elasticity thereto, and a plurality of stick-free fragments held on an outer surface of each particulate body. The cleaning agent is used under conditions where the particulate bodies maintain the viscosity and the elasticity by retaining the water therein so that the cleaning agent can capture and remove a foreign material adhering to the surface of the object with the aid of the viscosity of the particulate bodies.